

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 1. (previously presented) A hypodermic syringe
2 comprising:

3 a hollow body adapted to hold a liquid and having an
4 axially outwardly open end;

5 an inner cap fitted over the body end;

6 an axially extending needle seated in the inner cap and
7 having an outer point projecting axially outward from the inner cap
8 and an inner point projecting axially inward from the inner cap
9 toward the body;

10 a washer between the inner cap and the body end, having a
11 central hole into which the inner point of the needle engages, and
12 provided with a membrane closing the hole and spaced axially inward
13 from the inner point and out of engagement with the needle;

14 an outer cap fittable over the inner cap and needle;

15 a clamp ring engageable around the inner cap;

16 a frangible web connecting the ring to the outer cap; and
17 interengaging formations on the ring and on the inner cap
18 for releasably retaining the outer cap in an outer position spaced
19 axially outward of the body and in which an interior of the outer
20 cap is open to the exterior and an inner position spaced axially
21 closely to the body and in which the interior of the outer cap is
22 not open to the exterior.

1 2. (currently amended) The hypodermic syringe defined
2 in claim 1, further comprising
3 a liner cup inside the outer cap, receiving the outer
4 point of the needle, and clamped in the inner position between the
5 outer cap and the inner [[cup]] cap.

1 3. (original) The hypodermic syringe defined in claim 2
2 wherein the liner cup is of rubber.

1 4. (currently amended) The hypodermic syringe defined
2 in claim 2 wherein the inner [[cup]] cap is formed with a central
3 outwardly extending projection from which the needle extends
4 axially outward and that fits snugly in the liner cup in the inner
5 position.

5 - 7. (canceled)